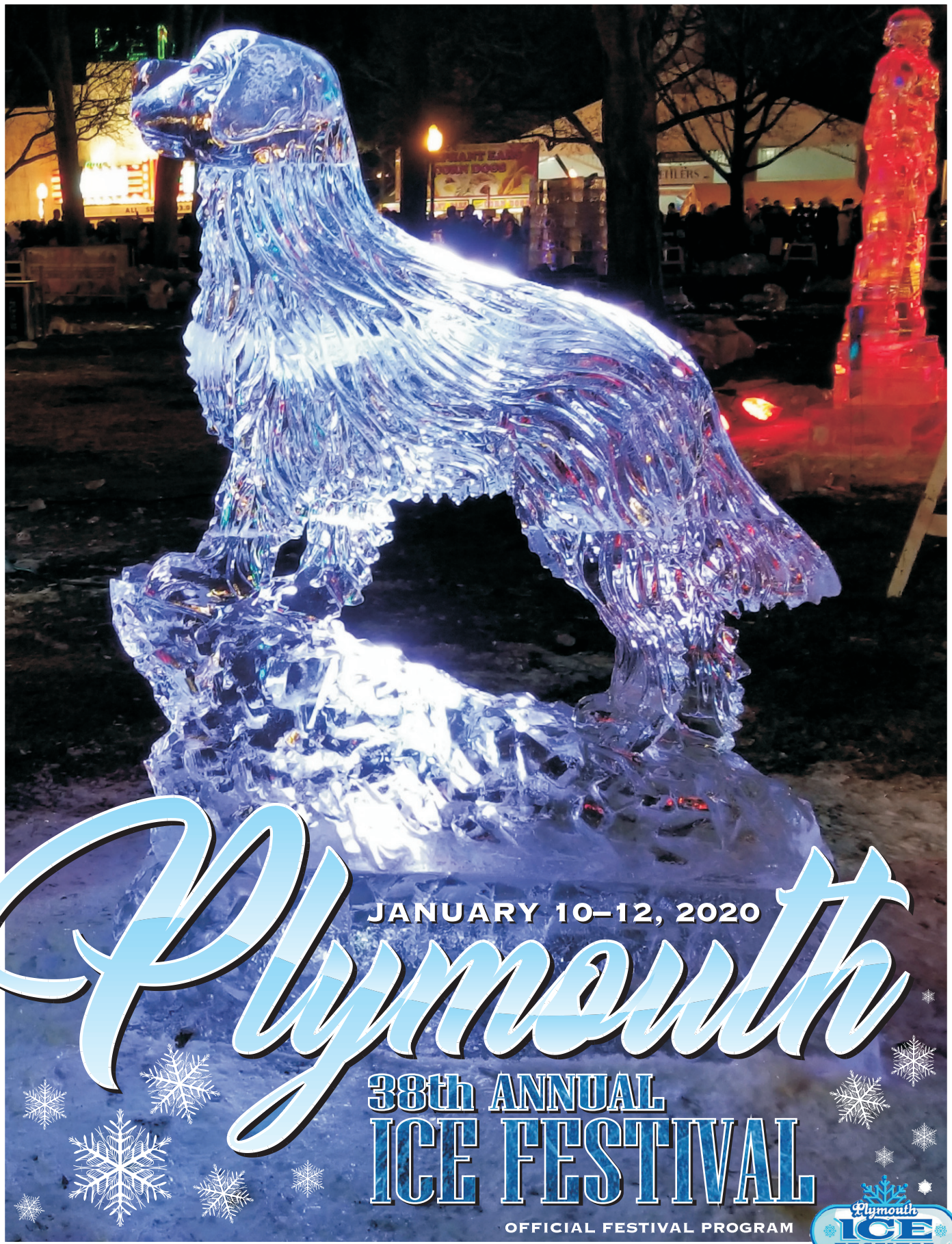

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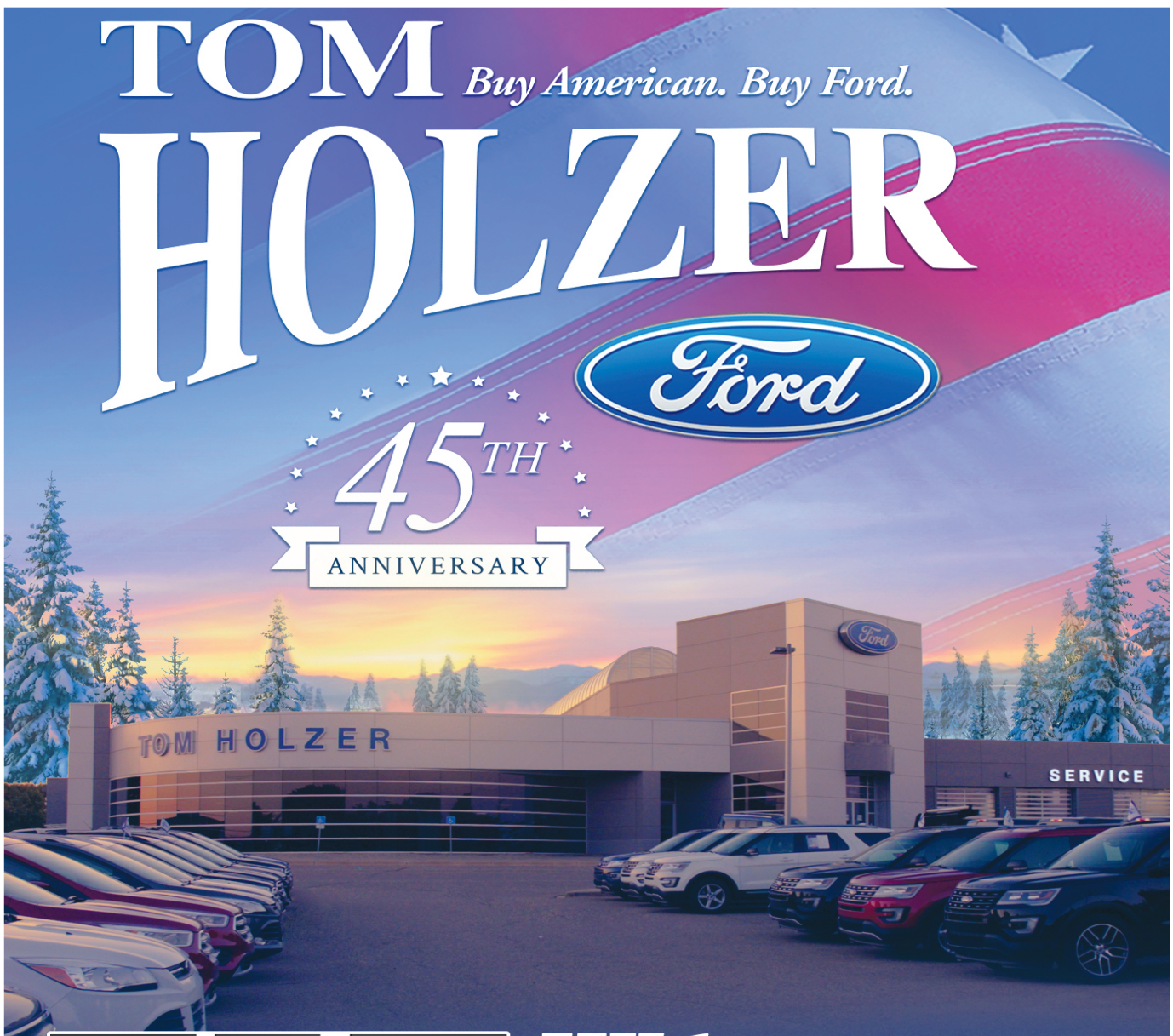

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Tribute to tradition

Community support is key to success of 38th Ice Festival

James Geitzen is about to host an event for 100,000 people and he can't wait.

"I'm just the steward of one of the oldest, most traditional events in Plymouth. I take this very seriously and am well aware the event went on for more than 30 years before me and will go on long after me," he said.

This year, the 38th annual Ice Festival will take place throughout downtown Plymouth beginning with an opening ceremony in Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. and ending Jan. 12. The park will be filled, Geitzen said, with unique ice carvings, several of which will be interactive, something that attracted huge crowds last year.

Geitzen, the owner of JAG Entertainment, has been organizing the event for the past five years and is looking forward to his sixth year at the helm.

"This event is just such a testament to the community, to the involvement of the entire community. I am honestly humbled by being a part of it," he said.

Geitzen explained that the Ice Festival is completely funded by donations and that there is no municipal funding involved. Last year, he said, the event had 122 sponsors and this year, early on, more than 90 sponsors had already committed to helping finance the festival.

"There is just so much to do, and it gets people out during the winter for some fresh air, some family time. I know, everyone says it, but we really do have entertainment and activity for everyone."

In addition to the ice carvings, which attract crowds from throughout the metro area, this year there are even more interactive events, some even involving the carvings

"There are at least three that are designed for photos," he said, "a penguin, an angel and a butterfly along

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with a corn hole game.

"We are also going to have a dog house where Frisbees can be tossed,"

James Gietzen

Geitzen said.

Obviously, the Sun and Snow cross country ski trails and free lessons, and the petting farm and the tubing run offer a variety of activities he added.

"This event is all community-based. There is so much variety and so many things to do. Parents can expose kids and families can enjoy winter sports. I'm very proud of this event," he added.

The celebration of winter will include the traditional favorite activities including the collegiate ice carving competitions, the displays of professional ice carvings throughout the city streets and in Kellogg Park, the fire and ice towers each night, and of course, Geitzen's favorite event, the Dueling Chainsaws competition.

"What these carvers do in 15 minutes with a block of ice and a chain saw is just something to see. I never miss it," Geitzen said. "The chain saws are roaring, the ice chips are flying. It is amazing."

"This is the original wintertime festival in this area. I am truly looking forward to it," he said.

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Lessons in fun

Sun & Snow again offers free ski demonstrations

Rob and Heidi Parent have learned how to successfully combine business and pleasure.

The couple continues to enjoy and promote a variety of the outdoor activities they love while operating their Sun & Snow business in downtown Plymouth.

Both are huge advocates of winter sports activity and will again this year host cross country skiing demonstrations and lessons in Plymouth Kellogg Park on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11 and 12.

"There's so much to do in winter. Snow can be a good thing," said Rob Parent. "If we can get the kids involved typically the adults will participate as well."

Blue Care Network of Michigan is the event sponsor again this year and the demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

"Part of our mission is to encourage participation in outdoor activities," Parent said. The Sun & Snow staff in past years has needed to shut down the skiing line at 6 p.m. due

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to weather and staff fatigue from demonstrating cross country skiing.

"It's more geared to kids," said Parent.

With several local spots nearby for cross country skiing, Sun & Snow offers equipment rentals which typically cost about $18 for a daylong package of skis, poles and boots.

"Cross country skiing itself is one of the top cardio exercises. It can be a lot of fun," he said. "You're burning a lot of calories."

Rob and Heidi, Plymouth residents, have two children ages 8 and 5 who are longtime skiers.

"The younger they are the less fear they have because fears are learned," Rob Parent said. "They pick it up really quickly."

Parent said toddlers as young as 18 months can learn downhill skiing. He also touts the mental health benefits related to seasonal depression disorder.

"Getting out and being active has been proven to change your mental state," he noted. He's also seen significant ski equipment upgrades that make learning to ski easier.

Parent recalled a recently-widowed woman in her 80s who took up skiing and traveled to ski, "and became hooked. One day's lesson, you're out learning. If she can do it, anybody can," he said. "That's why we do these events," Parent said of the Ice Festival demonstrations in Kellogg Park which have become one of the most highly anticipated features of the event.

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Special guests

Petting farm proves popular attraction at festival

Several of the superstars at the Plymouth Ice Festival won't know if they will be attending until opening day of the event.

That's because their "manager" Tammy Iacobelli, owner of Carousel Acres, won't decide which of the animals she provides at the petting farm and pony rides will attend the event until she is confident that the weather is suitable for them.

The petting farm and pony rides are among the most popular events at the Ice Festival and the crowds are always entertained by the farm animals and ponies provided by Iacobelli's family business. Carousel Acres has been provided specialized animals for schools, parties and festivals for more than a quarter of a century and has perfected the hugely popular unicorn rides. The unicorn is actually a very cooperative pony wearing a harness with a prosthetic horn.

"Children love it," Iacobelli said.

She said the number of ponies, along with the variety of

other animals she is bringing to the festival for the petting farm, will depend on the weather. She said she never takes a

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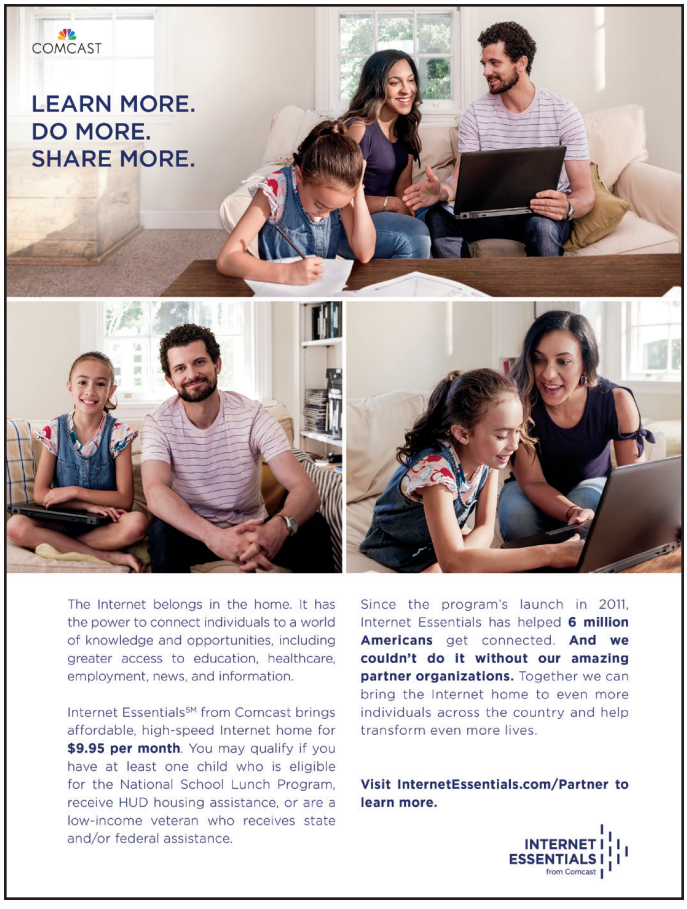
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chance with any of her animals getting sick or chilled.

"These are all animals we have raised here on the farm, so we understand their temperaments and nature. We won't take a chance with them," she said. She said there are lots of possibilities for animals appearing at the festival and she plans to bring a miniature horse, a donkey, some goats, a sheep or two, an alpaca and perhaps some ducks and bunnies and a baby calf.

"I'm just not sure yet," she said of the animals. "It always depends on the weather. For instance, the bunnies are not usually outside, so I just don't know how they might do if it is really cold."

She and her family, including her four daughters and 10 grandchildren, are all involved with the farm. "Not my daughters so much now that they are grown, but my grandchildren enjoy it," she said. Iacobelli worked in special education for 28 years before operating Carousel Acres full time.

She stressed that all the animals she brings are used to behind handled and around people.

"As I mentioned, these are all animals we have raised," she added.

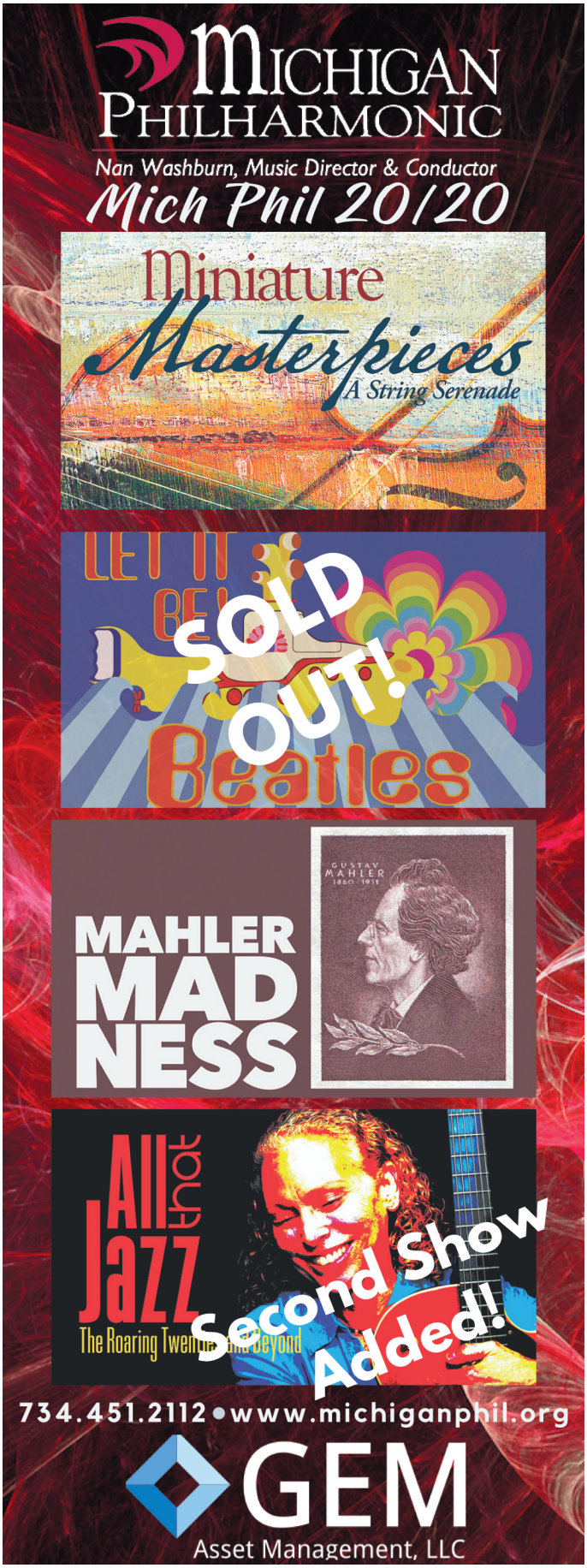
She said she will send two staff members with the animals at the Ice Festival.

An arctic fox and a reindeer or caribou were possible choices for the petting farm, too, she said, but again, the weather the day of the event will dictate which animals are on site.

The pony rides and the petting farm are being sponsored again this year by Michigan First Credit Union which has two branches in Canton Township and a mortgage office in Plymouth across from Kellogg Park.

Michigan First also sponsored the largest ice sculpture in Kellogg Park this year using 20 blocks of ice. Last year, the Michigan First sculpture was also 20 blocks of ice, the largest in Kellogg Park and was the largest sculpture in six years or so according to festival producer James Geitzen of JAG entertainment.

The petting farm will be open from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.



Musical tribute

Library program salutes late, great Fats Waller

Again this year, the Plymouth District Library will be a major attraction during the Ice Festival Jan. 10 through 12.

In addition to the Sensory Friendly Evening set for 6-8 Thursday, the library will also have other activities to entertain the crowds during the weekend festival.

Alvin B. Waddles will bring Fats Waller back to Plymouth at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

Waddles will salute the late, great 'King of Harlem Stride Pianists' - Fats Waller. This was one of the most memorable programs at the library when Waddles performed a few years ago, organizers noted.

Waddles will perform favorites such as Honeysuckle Rose, Ain't Misbehavin', Feets Too Big and Handful of Keys.

On Sunday, the library has planned an icy family event. The youth department at the library will be serving hot cocoa from noon until 3 p.m. along with puzzles, games and activities for children ages 5-12 with their families. No registration required.

Library Director Carol Souchock said the events are another way the library can connect with the public and be recognized as an integral part of the community and noted that the library has enjoyed becoming more involved with the Ice Festival during the past few years when crowds have filled the library for the weekend events.

Alvin B. Waddles

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Veterans' tent, ice bar attract over-21 ice festival crowd

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As has become a tradition at the Forest Street restaurant, the front deck will feature a bar and two high-top tables carved from ice for customers to enjoy a refreshing shot or two of New Amsterdam Vodka, which is sponsoring the unique carvings this year.

"We do this every year and it just gets more and more popular," said Frank Agostini who along with Tony Belli, owns the restaurant. "People love to have their photos taken having a really cold drink or enjoying the ski shot at the ice bar."

The ski shot is just that, a group of several shot glasses fastened to a ski from which several people enjoy an adult refreshment at the same time. The full service bar will also be offering several other unique custom drinks during the weekend hours.

"It's just a lot of fun," Agostini said.

There will be a professional bartender at the ice bar all weekend, serving customers, although no lack of ice for cool drinks is expected.

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the Ice Lounge that will be installed in the wine room at the restaurant, just off the ice bar area. It will feature comfortable couches and lounge chairs along with fireplaces for a more relaxed area in which to enjoy a beverage and some conversation with friends.

"For us, this whole weekend is a party," Agostini said. "We enjoy all the festivals in town, but there is just something special about the Ice Festival. It is a chance to get out and have a good time and relax after all the stress of the holidays. People really look forward to it," he said.

E.G. Nick's is also the host of the Veteran's Party Tent in the back parking lot at the opposite end of the building where popular bands Smokin' Mirrors will entertain crowds beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday and Power Play Detroit will play Saturday.

> *We feel especially good about being able to help these guys who sacrificed so much.*

"Every time we have these bands, we draw a huge crowd. They each have a large following, so we know that people will enjoy them and have a great time."

The tent this year has been expanded in size and will be enclosed and heated. It will also offer a heated restroom trailer for women and several porta-potties for men.

"We've really expanded it for the comfort of the guests," Agostini said. "This is probably the biggest community party of the year, and we want to keep making it more comfortable for guests."

There is a $5 cover charge at the tent which goes to the local Vietnam Veteran's group to help defray costs for benefits for former servicemen.

"This has become a main fundraiser for them and we feel especially good about being able to help these guys who sacrificed so much," Agostini said, "and everyone has such a great time."

Agostini added that all weekend there would be specialty drinks on tap and many giveaways from various vendors.

"Everybody looks forward to this party," Agostini said, "I think it's because it is just such a good time for everyone."

The New Amsterdam Ice Bar and the E.G. Nick's Lounge will be open during regular festival hours. The tent will open at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with entertainment beginning at 8 p.m.

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Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting
7 p.m. - Friday, Jan. 10

The 2020 Plymouth Ice Festival will be officially opened by members of the Plymouth City Commission who will help cut the ice ribbon with a chainsaw. David Ryall from DFCU will also be on stage to light the ice and open the 2020 Ice Festival celebrations.

Genisys Credit Union Collegiate Ice Carving Competitions

The 2020 Plymouth Ice Festival is proud to partner with local colleges and universities to present the Collegiate Ice Carving Competition in Kellogg Park. Watch live carvings by talented college students as they compete to win first place in their sculpture category. All judging is done by experienced and professional judges.

Saturday, Jan. 11
College Individual Carving Competition
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Awards at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12
College Team Carving Competition
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Awards at 3 p.m.

DTE Energy Foundation Tubing Run

Plymouth Ice Festival will feature more than 100 feet of pure tubing fun. Located on Main Street, this family fun attraction is sure to be one of the most popular events at the festival this year.

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Dueling Chainsaws Competition
Saturday, Jan 11 at 7 p.m.

Back by popular demand. The Dueling Chainsaws Competition will take place again this year. In this great competition ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block, and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings in the festival.

The Plymouth Ice Festival Ice Playground

Bring the kids for countless photo opportunities at the all-new attraction at the Plymouth Ice Festival. The Ice Playground is packed full of interactive ice carvings. This is simply a "must see" at the festival this year.

Family Petting Zoo

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Located next to the Ice Playground, our friends at Carousel Acres will be offering a hands-on experience with horses, donkeys, goats. sheep, alpaca and even a baby calf . This activity is great for kids or those that are young at heart. This year the Petting Farm will also feature pony rides.

Friday 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.
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Blue Care Network of Michigan Cross Country Zone

Presented by Sun and Snow Sports

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The Plymouth Ice Festival Ice Garden becomes even more magical at night, as the ice carvings glow with color. Join DFCU Financial and the Plymouth Ice Festival, each night as they Light The Ice. We will flip the switch during the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Jan. 10.

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Amazing Wintertime Festival Food

One of the best things about being out in the winter is working up a great appetite. Enjoy festival favorites like elephant ears, popcorn, roasted almonds and hot chocolate. All food sales on-site can be enjoyed in the warmth of the Warming Station tables and chairs are provided all weekend long. Looking for a meal indoors?

There are so many wonderful options within downtown Plymouth - from fine dining to a quick bite, candy, cookies and ice cream. Many favorites are listed in the program dining guide beginning on page 24.

Plymouth Historical Museum

Travel back in time through the Plymouth community's example of the American Experience. Learn how the growth of American industry, the advent of the railroad and the invention of the automobile changed America's small towns, especially Plymouth. http://www.plymouthhistory.org.

Veterans' Party Tent
at E.G Nick's on Forest Avenue

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For the biggest party in downtown Plymouth, head over to the Veterans' Party Tent for cold beer, drink specials, and live music. The Party Tent has become the place to be for the evening crowd - and there is always a good time to be had, or hang out on the front patio to catch some heat, see an awesome ice bar and enjoy some New Amsterdam Vodka specialties. The tent is one of the major fundraisers for the Plymouth Canton Vietnam Veterans.

Veterans' Party Tent

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Smokin' Mirrors

Saturday, Jan. 11 - 8 p.m. until midnight

Power Play Detroit

Tent opens at 7 p.m. each night.

Something special

Sensory friendly awareness evening premieres at Ice Festival

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

This year, a very special premiere evening at the Plymouth Ice Festival was scheduled Thursday evening, before the official opening.

The Ice Festival planned a first-time Sensory Friendly Ice Festival Evening at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth.

The Miracle League of Plymouth joined forces with the Plymouth District Library and Ice Festival organizer James Geitzen of JAG Entertainment to host a first-time Sensory Friendly Ice Festival Evening.

Miracle League families were asked to register in advance for the evening designed to meet special needs. The 4th Wall Theater Company was scheduled to perform an interactive 40-minute program for children of all ages and abilities.

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"Historically, the Ice Festival is an iconic Plymouth event. We have enjoyed our increased involvement with the festival over the last few years," explained Carol Souchock, Plymouth District Library director. "Working with the Miracle League, the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and Ice Festival on this event is the logical next step and we're proud to be a part of it."

There was no cost and the event welcomed any special needs individual and his/her family. Miracle League of Plymouth families were asked to make online parking reservations at the Miracle League of Plymouth website, www.miracleleagueofplymouth. com. That site has additional information on the Miracle League of Plymouth.

Kelly Hermann of Canton Township

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knows her special needs daughter benefits greatly from the Miracle League of Plymouth. She was looking forward to the sensory friendly ice festival evening during the Plymouth Ice Festival.

"She just gets the opportunity to do a typical activity. You don't get to be a typical parent either," adds Hermann, Miracle League of Plymouth executive director. "She needs 24/7 care."

Hermann was approached by a key Miracle League founder Deb Madonna in 2008 about taking the helm of the organization. Hermann and husband, Dave, find a real benefit in their involvement with the organization and 14-year-old son, Michael, a Novi Catholic Central High School student, also participates.

The Miracle League ball field on Theodore by the Plymouth Cultural Center opened in the summer of 2011. It serves some 110 families now, with many volunteers helping special needs

people to enjoy ballgames on the handicap-accessible field.

"This is a wonderful way to allow more people to enjoy the festival," Geitzen said. "I am really enthusiastic about this and support any activity that will allow more people to enjoy the festival. I just think this is a great idea and I am really excited about it," Geitzen said last week prior to the sensory special evening.

"This is a brand-new event. We are trying to find other ways to include special needs families," Hermann noted.

There were sensory ice blocks planned in the library, as well as crafts. Hermann called Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Sam Plymale as the "heavy lifter" for the Miracle League event. Plymale also serves as "game day manager" as a Miracle League volunteer.

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She said autistic people, those with emotional issues and some others have difficulty with noise. On Jan. 9, the evening was designed to be quiet and participants were to be given "fidget items" to hold. Wheelchair users could use the library handicap-accessible ramp, which is heated for safety.

Live ice carving and entertainment are also on tap Jan. 9 at the library in Plymouth.

Maggie Hermann, 16, has cerebral palsy and is a wheelchair user. Her mom likes this chance "to allow them to experience things they may not be able to" elsewhere.

"It's definitely more than when she (Maggie) was little," Hermann said. She and her family are also looking forward to a move soon to Plymouth for a more adaptive home.

Hermann also heads a Kelly's Kidz nonprofit which helps special needs families via bowling at Plaza Lanes and yoga at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building.

For the Miracle League of Plymouth ballgames, Hermann notes the seven-week season keeps some athletes coming back year after year, some since it opened thanks to generous donors. Some athletes have passed away.

She was getting the word out about the new Sensory Friendly event, including through the Canton Therapeutic Recreation program. She's pleased the Miracle League of Plymouth will have a large ice sculpture this January at the festival as well as a smaller one by the Plymouth library. Hermann is "getting the families excited, getting them to want to engage in events like this.

"It's just been a nice thing to see it come to this. It's a perfect fit," she noted of the event.

Start your saws

The Dueling Chainsaws competition, one of the decades-long traditions at the Plymouth Ice Festival will take place this year on the Main Stage in Kellogg Park beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. As usual, the carvers, including World Champion and 2019 winner Jeff Law, will have a block of ice and 15 minutes to create their entry for judging. This competition is the favorite event of many people and draws a huge audience to watch the ice chips fly.

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Among those whimsical displays of the ice sculptures are multiple works outside local restaurants many carved by champion sculptors which is fitting considering the reputations and skill of many local Plymouth professional kitchens. Plymouth is known for the outstanding restaurants which offer traditional American fare, along with ethnic specialties. Anything from a quick lunch to a formal dinner can be found at the multitude of thriving restaurants which fill the streets of the town.

Visitors throng to the community to enjoy the unique atmosphere and wonderful amenities of Plymouth which is also known for the quality and variety of the restaurants who call our community home.

These are among the very best and are the favorites of visitors and locals who frequent them regularly. Enjoy.

E.G. Nick's
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Agostini and E.G. Nick's provide the catering for nearly every visiting sports team plane and he has fed basketball, football, baseball and hockey teams along with some of the most famous performers in the entertainment business. Their needs are the same as those looking for a good lunch or dinner in the area, Agostini said.

"They know what they like and what they want and they order it, just like our clientele here in the restaurant," he added. Nearly every day the restaurant features specials in addition to the popular menu items that keep large crowds of regulars returning. The restaurant also boasts the longest bar in the city and takes pride in the specialty beers and unique specialty drinks prepared by expert bartenders, some now featuring a cotton candy garnish from the new machine behind the bar. The bar also offers an impressive wine list.

E.G. Nick's is known as one of the best places in the area for lunch or dinner and also as one of the most community-minded and active businesses around. This year, again, the restaurant will host the Veterans' Tent in the back parking lot and will again feature live music from Smokin' Mirrors on Friday and Power Play on Saturday. The tent always draws a large crowd of regulars who know that this is the place to have a good time after visiting the Ice Festival.

The regular menu includes plenty of crowd-favorite items including the exceptional flatbread pizzas which offer unique toppings like bacon, lettuce and tomato or Caesar salad along with the expected traditional pepperoni and cheeses. The unique flatbread crust on these treats has made them one of the biggest sellers on the menu, Agostini said.

The menu still includes the customer-favorite planked whitefish, chosen as the best in the state by food critics and the award-winning spare ribs.

Agostini will probably look familiar to many who may recognize him from his many TV and guest appearances on various morning show cooking segments.

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The paintings of Greek gods on the high-ceilinged interior set the tone for the restaurant which offers a full menu of lunch and dinner items. The paintings are always a conversation starter at the full-service restaurant which offers an extensive menu and specialty weekend brunch dishes.

Choices on the newly-redesigned menu include American favorites along with many homemade Greek specialties including genuine Greek moussaka, pastitsio, spinach pie and gyros.

They also serve a wide array of salads, pitas, sandwiches and burgers, all at great prices.

The restaurant offers carry-outs, has a banquet room and does catering.

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This is a place that simply cannot be missed because of the exceptional atmosphere where too many unique items to list are on display along with the great food.

Hermann's has been a part of the Plymouth community for decades, and for decades has been celebrated as the place to go for a good time, cold beer, a delicious burger or special menu item where fun is served as a side dish with every order.

The menu includes a full selection of specialty burgers, fresh salads, oven-baked pizza and unique sandwiches, all made to order.

The OTB (Old Town Burger) comes in a variety of configurations, all of which have made Hermann's famous. There are also special menu feature items every day.

The restaurant takes pride in the comfortable, eclectic atmosphere where people can enjoy themselves and relax while enjoying good company and good food. This is a place where "everybody knows your name" and is really glad to see you.

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Built in the 1940s, Karl's Cabin is truly a Michigan Made log cabin roadhouse restaurant, bar and grill. Located just minutes west of downtown Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, the restaurant is a favorite of patrons from throughout the area.

Guests can enjoy rustic charm, friendly service and a large menu including hand-cut grilled steaks, fresh seafood, BBQ, fresh pasta, big salads, burgers, artisan sandwiches and daily chef-created features. Slow-roasted prime rib is served every Friday and

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Karl's entertainment includes dueling pianos and live bands on weekends.

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